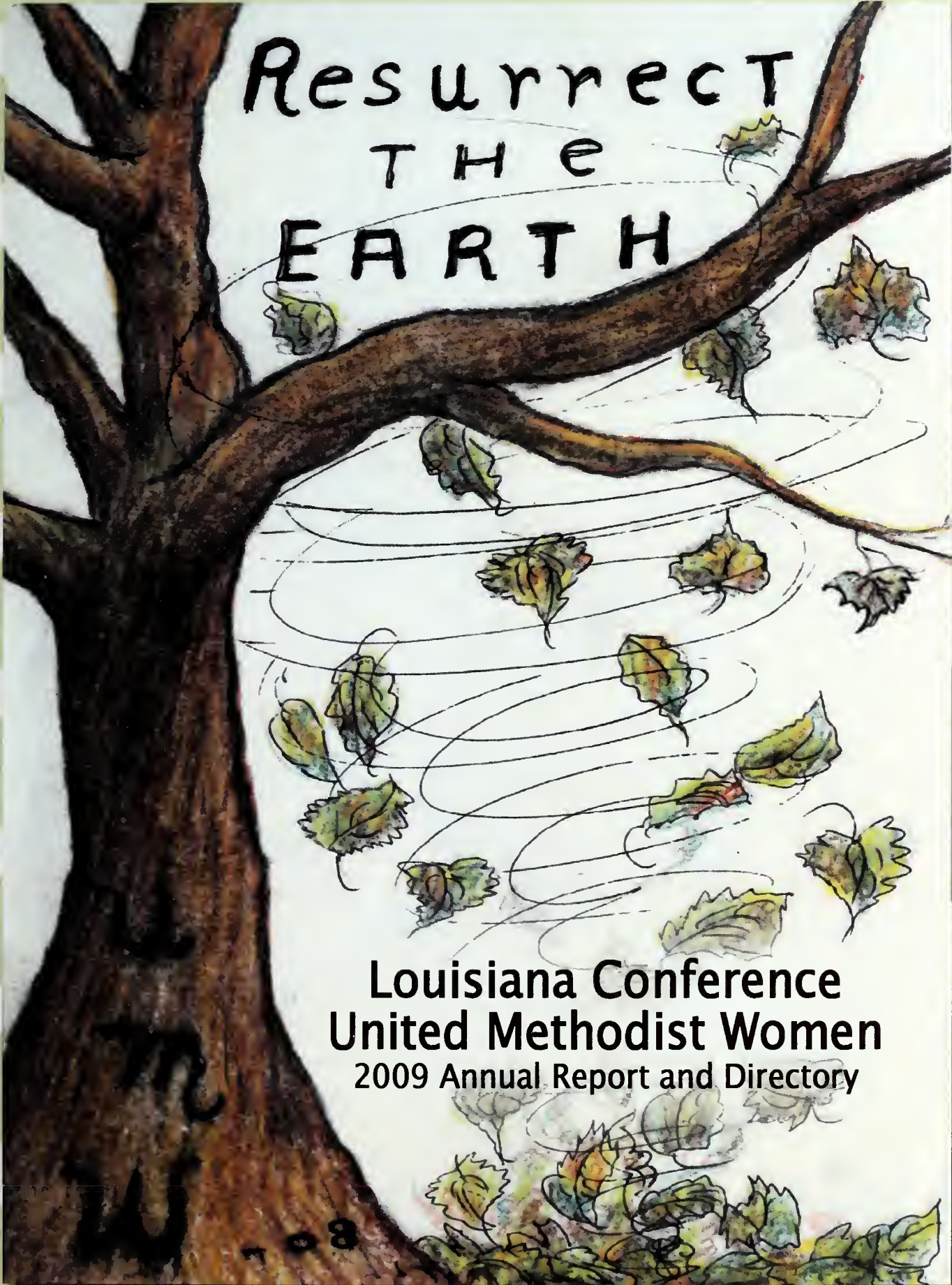



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Dedication of Annual Report and Directory - 2009



HARRIETTE TUCKER ELROD

It is indeed an honor and privilege to dedicate this Annual Report and Directory to our outgoing president, Harriette Tucker Elrod.

Harriette exhibited outstanding leadership, bringing a wealth of knowledge and skills while serving as Conference President for the past three years.

Harriette has served at the local, district and conference levels in United Methodist Women. Additionally, she served as Vice-President of the Conference, Dean of the 1997 School of Mission, and Coordinator of Membership, Nurture & Outreach; including years as Spiritual Growth Coordinator for Monroe District where she reached many who grew in grace, and became disciples for Jesus Christ, many of whom followed her in becoming certified lay speakers.

At her home church, First United Methodist Church in Tallulah, she honors the Lord in faithful service as adult women's Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, PPR Chair and previously, a Lay Leader to Annual Conference. She participates in an out-reach at the local nursing home, the Olive Branch, in Tallulah, a ministry with a Sing-A-Long where music and continuing to love and learn bring great joy.

Harriette Elrod was born in Williamston, South Carolina. She received degrees from Winthrop College and Furman University and earned graduate hours from Clemson, Mississippi College, and University of Georgia and, continued with a teaching career in South Carolina and Mississippi, concluding at Hinds Community College.

Her first formal training for Methodist leadership was at the University of Georgia as the youth delegate to Scarritt-Bennett and to Vanderbilt University Seminars. At one seminar she attended, "Minnie Pearl" of the Grand Ole Opry, was one of the professors leading the study group.

She married Lt. Col. (ret.) Robert F. Elrod, her husband of over fifty-three years. She is the mother of three: Ida Sue Elrod, Pearl Buck describes a "forever child" with multiple challenges; Robert "Bob" F. Elrod, Jr., a successful electrical engineer and father of three; and Ann Elrod Mihalik, an oncology nurse, and the mother of four grandchildren and two great-grand-children.

Glory to God for the things He has done and continues to do in Harriette's life!



PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Our *PURPOSE* helps us to know who we are, whose we are and for what purpose we have organized. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life. The four mission emphases reflected in the *PURPOSE* are: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, and Membership Nurture and Outreach.

The Purpose of Women's Division

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church and shall interpret the purpose of United Methodist Women. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement.

"In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women" (*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, 2008, ¶ 256.5)

Use of this Annual Directory

It is against Women's Division policy to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firms. These lists are published for the use of the local, district, and conference officers of the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women **ONLY** and are to be used for the promotion of the work of the United Methodist Women.

Websites of Interest

Methodist links:

1. United Methodist Women Website: www.umwmission.org
2. United Methodist Women's Online Community: www.umwonline.org
3. Global Ministries of the Methodist Church: new.gbpm-umc.org
4. Louisiana Annual Conference: www.la-umc.org
5. Louisiana Conference UMW (laity): www.la-umc.org/laity/umw
6. umcom.org

Non-Methodist links:

1. www.newsdesk.org > NewsDesk.org is a non-profit, commercial-free, non-politicized news source covering important but overlooked issues from around the world -- and your own backyard.
2. www.churchwomen.org > Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

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Vice President - Emily Innes

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New Orleans District President.....Carolyn Bowers

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New Orleans District President.....Carolyn Bowers

Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Tech

Monroe District President.....Georgia Lee Roberson

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New Orleans District President.....Carolyn Bowers

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President of Conference United Methodist Women.....Edna Hickman

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President of Conference United Methodist Women.....Edna Hickman

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Constitution and Bylaws, United Methodist Women Handbook 2009-2012, p.94, Article 5

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Constitution & Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 101, Article III, Section 1. a.

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Administrative Committee

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 102, Article III, Section 2.

Edna Hickman, Chairperson, and 5-7 members of Exec. Cmte., as called by the President to transact emergency business.

Committee on Program

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 102, Article IV, Section 1.a.

Judy Willis, Chairperson, Edna Hickman, Jan Dickerson, Laurie Seeger, Barbara Ferguson, Ethel Lilly, Tillie Shows, Juanita LaGard, Dorothy Kimball, Lana Lathan and others as the Executive Committee may determine.

Committee on Finance

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 103, Article IV, Section 2. a.

Laurie Seeger, Chairperson, Edna Hickman, Judy Willis, Jan Dickerson, Barbara Ferguson, Ethel Lilly, Tillie Shows, Juanita LaGard, Dorothy Kimball, Lana Lathan, the 7 District Treasurers and others as determined necessary.

Committee on Membership Nurture and Outreach

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012 p. 103, Article IV, Section 3. a

Ethel Lilly, Chairperson, Edna Hickman, Jan Dickerson, Ouida Smith, Lana Lathan, Tillie Shows, the 7 District Coordinators of Education and Interpretation and others as determined necessary.

Committee on Nominations

Constitution & Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 104, Article IV, Section 4. a.

5-11 members including the Chairperson - Ouida Smith, the number to be determined by the LA UMW Conference organization on basis of membership distribution and size.

Edna Hickman, Judy Willis, Secretary, Laurie Seeger, Barbara Ferguson, Ethel Lilly, Tillie Shows, Juanita LaGard, Dorothy Kimball, Lana Lathan, and others as named by the Executive Committee.

Committee School of Christian Mission

Constitution & Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 104, Article IV, Section 4.

Joyce Thibodeaux, Chairperson, All elected officers of the Committee, including the office of Dean to be elected annually.

Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p.105, Article IV, Section 6.a.

Edna Hickman, Barbara Ferguson, Ouida Smith and four additional members to be nominated by the CON for a total of 7 persons serving.

Other Committees

Constitution and Bylaws UMW Handbook 2009-2012, p. 105, Article IV, Section 7.

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Jan Dickerson, Edna Hickman, Pat Mosher, Carolyn Fletcher, Joyce Breaux, Cynthia DuBose-Blake, Mary Ann Fore, Melba Jackson, Leona Berry, Ouida Smith

Task Force Committee for
DELT 2009

Chair, Carolyn Dove, Alexandria District President, Committee to be
appointed at a later date.

Task Force Committee for
Annual Meeting 2009

Chair, Carolyn C. Bowers, New Orleans District President

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Edna Hickman
Dorothy Kimble
Laurie Seeger
Judy Willis
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Barbara Ferguson

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District Officers

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***LA Conference United Methodist Women
Calendar of Events for 2009 – 2011***

Year 2009

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 25, 2009**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 19, 2009**
- UMW Spiritual Retreat – **February 20-21, 2009**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 21, 2009**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 21, 2009**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 22 – 25, 2009**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **September 17, 2009**
- UMW Annual Meeting – **September 18 – 19, 2009**
- UMW District Elected Leaders Training – **October 10, 2009**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 21, 2009**

Year 2010

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 24, 2010**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 5-6, 2010**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 20, 2010**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 21, 2010**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 22 – 25, 2010**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **October 7, 2010**
- UMW Annual Meeting – **October 8 – 9, 2010**
- UMW District Elected Leaders Training – **October 9, 2010**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 20, 2010**

Year 2011

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 23, 2011**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 18, 2011**
- UMW Spiritual Retreat – **February 19-20, 2011**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 19, 2011**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 20, 2011**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 21 – 24, 2011**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **October 6, 2011**
- UMW Annual Meeting – **October 7 – 8, 2011**
- UMW District Elected Leaders Training – **October 8, 2011**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 19, 2011**

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

	Mission Funds	Reserve Funds	Restricted	TOTAL
	Mission Giving	Designated by	Funds	
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Account				\$11,931.83
Deposit in Transit				\$ 120.00
<u>Capital One</u>	<u>\$4,035.33</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$516.50</u>	<u>\$12,051.83</u>
 LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for Within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			\$516.50	
2. Teen SCM Scholarship Fund			<u>\$.00</u>	
			\$516.50	
				\$ 516.50
Reserve Funds				
(Designated by Conf. Executive Committee)				
1. 2010 National Assembly			\$6,900.00	
2. 2012 S.C. Jurisdiction Assembly			\$.00	
3. 2011 National Seminar			\$ 600.00	
4. 2012 S.C.J.A. f/Young Women			<u>\$.00</u>	
			\$7,500.00	
				\$7,500.00
Mission Funds				
1. A&MD Funds Retained for 1 st Quarter			\$4,035.33	
2. Other Funds due for				
Women's Division – SMRP			<u>\$.00</u>	
			\$4,035.33	
				\$4,035.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				\$12,051.83

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2009 Budget**

PLEDGE TO MISSION		229,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT		
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage)	7,500.00	
Executive & Other Committees, for Interconference Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings		
B. Resources: Officers	100.00	
Resources: Service Center Mailings (3)	105.00	
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	16,805.00	
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1 1/4% of Pledge)	2,868.75	
E. Schools of Christian Mission		
1. West Gulf Regional	10,000.00	
2. Louisiana Conference	10,000.00	
F. Programs & Events within Louisiana Conference		
1. Annual Meeting (include Speaker's Travel)	1,500.00	
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT - include Speaker's Travel)	3,200.00	
3. Retreat 2007 (Cumulative 2 years)	250.00	
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events		
1. National Assembly, 2010 (Cumulative 4 years)\$4600 through 2007	2,300.00	
2. Jurisdictional Meeting, 2012 (Cumulative 4 years)	1,500.00	
3. National Seminar, 2011 (Cumulative 4 years)\$300 through 2007	300.00	
4. Young Women to SCJQM (Cumulative 4 years)	200.00	
H. Operating Expenses		
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00	
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	6,500.00	
3. Postage	500.00	
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	700.00	
5. Telephone	50.00	
6. Audit for 2008	1,000.00	
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00	
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	300.00	
I. Church Women United	300.00	
TOTAL A&MD BUDGET FOR 2009	68,378.75	68,378.75
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 2009		297,878.75

District A&MD Budgets for 2009

District	2009 Budget	2009 Pledge
Acadiana	1,975.00	18,500.00
Alexandria	2,480.00	25,000.00
Baton Rouge	2,175.00	40,000.00
Lake Charles	1,390.00	35,000.00
Monroe	1,735.00	30,000.00
New Orleans	4,000.00	30,000.00
Shreveport	3,050.00	51,000.00
	16,805.00	229,500.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

	2008 Budget	2008 Expenses	2008 Balance
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage)	7,200.00	6,755.55	444.45
Executive & Other Committees, for Interconference			
Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings			
B. Resources: Officers	100.00	228.20	(128.20)
Service Center Mailings (3)	105.00	105.00	-
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	16,775.00	10,030.00	6,745.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1 1/4% of Pledge)	2,831.00	2,876.26	(45.26)
E. Schools of Christian Mission			
1. West Gulf Regional	6,000.00	11,126.36	(5,126.36)
2. Louisiana Conference (including \$100 for Young Women)	14,000.00	13,658.23	341.77
F. Programs & Events within Louisiana Conference			
1. Annual Meeting (include Speaker's Travel)	1,500.00	(63.43)	1,563.43
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT - include Speaker's Travel)	2,500.00	1,797.00	703.00
3. Retreat 2009 (Cumulative 2 years)	250.00	250.00	-
1. National Assembly, 2010 (Cumulative 4 years)	2,300.00	2,300.00	-
2. Jurisdictional Meeting, 2008 (Cumulative 4 years)	2,456.90	4,279.56	(1,822.66)
3. National Seminar, 2007 (Cumulative 4 years)	300.00	300.00	-
4. Young Women to SCJQM, 2008 (Cumulative 4 years) \$200/yr			
H. Operating Expenses			
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00	841.50	1,158.50
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	6,500.00	6,000.00	500.00
3. Postage	400.00	518.58	(118.58)
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	700.00	353.88	346.12
5. Telephone	50.00	-	50.00
6. Audit for 2008	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00	(340.84)	740.84
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	300.00	-	300.00
I. Church Women United	300.00	300.00	-
TOTAL A&MD BALANCES FOR 2008	\$68,467.90	\$62,315.85	\$6,152.05

SUMMARY ANNUAL GIVING BY DISTRICT - 2008

District	TOTAL GIVING	MISSION GIVING										Brighter Future / Children	Magazine Fund	Other
		Total Mission Giving	Pledge to Mission	Special Mission Recognition	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	World Thank Offering	Call to Prayer & Self Denial	General Mission	World Mission	National Mission	UMCOR		
Acadiana	18,516.50 #	14,009.78	10,680.35	1,140.00	503.19	498.80	1,207.44 #	775.84		50.00	1,130.00	145.00	100.00	2,406.18
Alexandria	30,987.02 #	25,588.11	22,255.70	1,120.00	198.00	225.00	1,791.41 #	1,818.37			700.00	25.00		3,055.54
Baton Rouge	48,232.41 #	39,086.88	33,807.78	1,620.00	398.15	610.00	2,650.94 #	2,230.06			2,745.25	280.00	25.00	4,885.22
Lake Charles	40,070.78 #	32,327.19	28,349.69	2,020.00	300.00	509.00	1,148.60 #	903.39		100.00	2,447.50	742.50		3,550.20
Monroe	32,109.98 #	28,958.09	23,142.44	1,480.00	230.00	195.00	1,910.65 #	1,284.65		100.00	545.00	110.00		3,102.24
New Orleans	42,271.80 #	29,371.58	22,993.11	2,280.00	586.00	470.00	3,042.47 #	1,125.85	7.00	60.00	2,895.00	2,782.75	180.00	5,887.82
Shreveport	58,574.73 #	50,085.09	43,004.18	1,940.00	827.25	888.75	3,424.91 #	2,415.80	10.00	100.00	1,785.00	440.00		3,778.84
La. Conference	3,753.12 #	2,825.57	5.00	2,720.00		75.00	25.57 #							927.55
		0.00												
Annual 2008	275,616.74	220,232.29	184,218.28	14,320.00	3,040.59	3,451.83	15,201.89	10,364.08	17.00	410.00	12,227.76	4,525.26	286.00	27,553.39

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL GIVING BY DISTRICTS - OTHER - 2008

District	TOTALS	Estelle Dameron Scholarship	Retiring Conference Officers	Mission Ribbons	Mission Candle	A&MD	Conference Directory	District Offerings	Unused District A&MD	Conference Offering	Assembly Offering	Transient	Teen SCM Scholarship	WGRSCM Gift Bags
Acadiana	\$2,406.18	230.00	152.50	562.00	786.68	311.00	64.00					150.00	50.00	100.00
Alexandria	\$3,055.54	10.00	197.00	491.00	1,007.24	407.00	87.00	121.00	735.30					
Baton Rouge	\$4,865.22	180.00	395.00	773.00	1,449.00	393.00	60.50	264.72	1,000.00			350.00		
Lake Charles	\$3,550.20	125.00	212.50	513.00	976.00	271.70	54.00					1,338.00	60.00	
Monroe	\$3,102.24	345.00	422.04	435.00	1,651.20	249.00								
New Orleans	\$5,867.82	45.00	241.20	843.00	1,514.42	70.00	39.00				15.00	3,000.00		
Shreveport	\$3,778.84	250.00	335.60	547.00	1,623.24	259.00		314.00				450.00		
Conference	\$927.55						3.00			924.55				
Annual 2008	\$27,553.39	1,185.00	1,955.84	4,264.00	9,007.78	1,960.70	307.50	698.72	1,735.30	924.55	15.00	5,288.00	110.00	100.00

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Goals for 2009

In keeping with the Purpose of the United Methodist Women, in 2009 our goals will be:

- I. To be A **Community of Women**, accomplishing a 2% increase in membership by:
 - A. Seeking to charter new units in churches where units do not exist.
 - B. Revitalizing units that have limited resources.
 - C. Creating teen, college/university age and newly retired women's circles in each District.
- II. To encourage children, youth and women to **know God** by:
 - A. Promoting conference, district and local unit mission studies as outlined by the Women's Division. Promote increase attendance at School of Christian Mission, Annual Meetings and Spiritual Retreats.
 - B. Incorporating the use of the Prayer Calendar in daily devotions.
 - C. Implementing a Children's Reading Program in each of the seven districts.
- III. To continue to **Develop a Creative, Supportive Fellowship** by:
 - A. Observing UMW Sunday in January 2009 in every unit throughout the conference.
 - B. Collecting items as outlined in the current Material Resources for Mission Catalog, and presenting these items at the UMW Annual Meeting to support Women's Division Mission Projects in Louisiana – Dulac Cooperative Ministry, MacDonnell United Methodist Children's Services and North Rampart Community Center.
 - C. Encouraging mission Volunteer work at Sager-Brown/UMCOR, and education field trips to Women's Division Projects in Louisiana.
- IV. To **Expand Concepts of Mission** by:
 - A. Encouraging District and Local Units to use the 2009 Program Book, Response Magazine and the Prayer Calendar in program planning.
 - B. Promoting and assisting each Local and District Unit in becoming a Mission Today Unit.
 - C. Completing the requirements for membership in the Charter Club for Racial Justice.
 - D. Increasing the number of participants in the Reading Program by 2%.
 - E. Participating and supporting the programming of Church Women United, and the World Federation of Methodist Women.
 - F. Increasing the number of Five Star Giving Units by 10%.
- V. To **Participate in the Global Ministries of the Church** by:
 - A. Paying our MISSION GIVING pledge in full.
 - B. Supporting and promoting our Mission Candle and Mission Ribbons.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women President's Report 2008

*This is the day which the Lord hath Made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalms 118:24)*

*...they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles... (Isaiah 40:31)*

We have gathered here for our 35th Annual Meeting. It is my joy to welcome you as the President of Louisiana conference United Methodist Women. As I look back over my time to be honored with the privilege of serving in this office, there were highlights of celebration for us.

My installation was at Pineville United Methodist Church during the 32nd Annual Meeting which was supposed to be held in Monroe. Katrina and Rita changed all of that. With administrative skills, Conference President Lueburda Myers and Monroe District President Sandy De Celle quickly saw the need to change the place of meeting to a more central location. As the Pineville UMW has so often done, they graciously hosted this meeting. A cause of celebration was the attendance by so many even with unbelievable hardships after the great disasters. Lake Charles District President Taylor Phillips described to us the multiple problems of repairing the damage to her home. We remember Fannie Reddix as New Orleans District President who was justly proud of her United Methodist Women who attended. Her face shown "with a glory on" when she announced in her report that New Orleans had met their pledge! Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had killed, wounded and devastated areas all along the Gulf Coast Region. Thousands lost homes, and families; lives were changed forever. Our response as United Methodist Women was immediate. Home were opened. Churches were opened. Location with food, shelter, and clothing were announced. Most importantly, our faith shone as a light of hope to all. We were transformed and were transforming others as we witnessed by the power of the Holy Spirit our belief that nothing will be impossible with God".

After being installed as an officer, I attended the Leadership Training Event in St. Louis. There, after informative and inspirational meetings, we had another cause for celebration. We Louisiana attendees were humbly grateful when Jan Love announced that the Women's Division had voted to present the money taken as collection at this event to the Louisiana Conference. We were being "lifted up on eagle's wings"!

In January of 2006, I started my presidential assignments. On the 14th we met at Horseshoe UMC in Alexandria for our Program Committee Meeting. That was my first opportunity to observe the awesome ability of our Vice-President, Edna Hickman as she presided as the Chair of the Program Committee. On the 22nd, I was speaker for UMW Sunday at Hope UMC in Monroe. I was rewarded by participation in another ceremony that day. My dear friend Lou Medlock was being honored by the UMW for her active church life in many areas of the church. Her husband, Dr. William A. Medlock, was also honored by the UMM for his many contributions in mission with the church.

On the 28th, I presided at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting at the Wesley Center.

These celebration are so many. Each is so glorious, but I must not list them all or our Lake Charles group will be publishing a book! In Ruston, on March 7th, our Board meeting at the Children's Home was full of joy and hope. On March 18th, at the Wesley Center, I had two presidential assignments. At 9 a.m., our Finance, Nominations and Membership Committees met; at 2 p.m., I represented LA UMW at the Board of Laity Meeting. This pattern of meetings was used for all three years.

Our Schools of Christian Mission are a blessing. We grow spiritually. Our study leaders strengthen our witnessing with knowledge about the Bible, other places and other people. We gain wisdom as we learn that we are more alike than different. This guides us on a pathway to peace.

The 2006 International Meeting in Anaheim, California must be listed as a celebration. Around 8,000 of us from all over the world, sang together, prayed together, and worshipped together. Hearing the actual missionaries describe their use of mission money on very specific projects was rewarding. Most nearly identified with celebration was the theme **RISE! SHINE! GLORIFY GOD!** We used this same theme for our 2006 LA Annual Meeting in Monroe. Women's Division mailed us the giant puppets to lead the officer's processional into the sanctuary. The Praise Puppets led and we glorified God in songs of praise!

To start the year 2007 with celebration was our Spiritual Retreat at the Wesley Center. The theme was **RESURRECTION WOMEN** and was under the leadership of Jurisdiction President Pat Cobb. This theme ignited the Baton Rouge District with such enthusiasm that they used it in their theme for Annual Meeting 2007. They added to it and became **GO FORWARD RESURRECTION WOMEN**. The theme for Annual Meeting 2008 **LIVE SIMPLY TO RESURRECT THE EARTH** will guide our thinking today. We are excited to have Harriet Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division, as our speaker.

I wish to express my appreciation to each of you United Methodist Women. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as President of the LA Conference of United Methodist Women. We have the most outstanding team of dedicated leadership in all of Methodism. Vice President Edna Hickman is one of our hardest workers. She was right there to participate in whatever task was needed. Joy is one of her VIRTUES. Her love and laughter ring out with Good News joy! There are superlatives for each member here today. May God continue to bless all of you with His guidance and grace. Each of you has special gifts; thank you for using them to keep our PURPOSE as we work to meet our GOALS as United Methodist Women.

In Christ's love,

Harriette Elrod

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Vice President's Report

I greet you as Apostle Paul greeted the Church, for the final time as your Vice President, *"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."* I truly thank God for you and keep you in my prayers always. God has truly been good to me and to the United Methodist Women. With praise on my lips and thanksgiving in my heart, I write my final report as your Vice President. I thank you for allowing me to represent you and to serve you over the past four (4) years.

As the vice President of the Louisiana Conference, I have traveled throughout Louisiana. I visited many of your churches, I served as United Methodist Women Day speakers, I installed District Officer at your Annual Meetings, I served as speaker at Districts Annual Meetings and I have served many other functions in my role as conference Vice President. Last year in June at Annual Conference, I was honored with the Outstanding United Methodist Women Award Pin.

My travels have continued as I had the opportunity to attend the South Central Jurisdiction where I was one of the nominees for Women's Division Director. Although I was not elected, the experience was wonderful and I had an opportunity to meet and fellowship with other United Methodist Women in the Jurisdiction.

As vice President, I have attended West Gulf Regional Meeting each year in various locations where I represented the Louisiana Conference in plenaries, assisted with morning Worship and I have forged relationships with other Vice presidents and United Methodist Women in the region.

Lastly, my travels have taken me to Pennsylvania and California to attend Assemblies where over 7,000 women from throughout the world attended. This has given me an opportunity to meet many Christian women throughout the world that will forever be a part of me. This experience has allowed me to grow spiritually, emotionally and mentally for whom I thank God and also I thank you. I have truly been blessed. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

I have listed below, the responsibilities that I have participated:

1. Presided over the Program Committee Meeting where we:
 - Recommended goals for 2009
 - Recommended Mission Projects for our Mission Agencies;
 - Recommended Spiritual Retreat Leader for February 2009 - Reverend Janet Wolf;
 - Recommended 2008 Annual; Meeting Speaker - Harriett Olson, Deputy Secretary of W.D.
2. Serve on the Executive Committee
3. Represent the Conference at Calendar Committee Meeting in December
4. Serve on the School of Christian mission Team
5. Conduct training for District Vice Presidents at DELT

In Closing, I have served with an Executive Team of dedicated Christian Women who love God and who also love the United Methodist Women. I have truly considered it a privilege and an honor to have served closely with two of the finest Christian women of God that anyone could work with - Lueburda Myers and Harriette Elrod, the last two Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Presidents. Thanks for the memories. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! And now, may the peace of God and the communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

In His name,

Edna Brown Hickman

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2008 ANNUAL Report - Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Greetings!

I had the pleasure of attending West Gulf Regional School June 12-15, 2008.

This year the Women's Division is suggesting that we do more nurturing it increase our membership.

Barriers:

1. Communication
2. Conference Merger
3. Redistricting
4. Talk too negatively
5. New crop of people are not United Methodist

Suggestions:

1. Get member of ladies on Roll (Local Churches). What do they want?
2. Do not disband Units / make clusters
3. Help Units, visits, etc.
4. Membership class, (Local Churches).

Ethel Lilly,

Conference Mission Coordinator for Nurture & Outreach

Tillie Shows - 2008 Annual Report
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Education and Interpretation

As I look back on the year there has been a spirit within the conference that has lifted me up to a spiritual height that has touched me personally as well as in my work as a conference officer.

As a delegate to the South Central Jurisdiction in Albuquerque, New Mexico March 27-30. I had the pleasure of working with Beverly Cox, Lana Lathan, and Edna Hickman to plan and carry out preparation for the display that would be assembled at the Jurisdiction display area. Meeting women from other conferences and being a voting delegation to re-elect Kathleen Conrad as director of the Women's Division was an exciting element of the gathering. It was a joy and surprise when the Louisiana Conference DVD "Visioning 2020 with 20/20 Vision" which was developed for Louisiana Conference DELT 2007 was on the program at the closing Banquet.

West Gulf School of Mission training held at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas June 12-15. The officer training and update was very good as officers from the West Gulf Region exchanged thoughts and ideas used in their conference. The mission Studies and study plenaries were excellent. The leaders gave us tool and resources to work with to bring back to our Conference School of Mission.

School of Mission held July 24-26 was one of the most spiritual gatherings that I personally have attended in quite sometime. In addition to being spiritual, it was educational where the studies and discussion were concerned, but we also had fun.

One of my duties was to prepare the gift bags and help Eloise Cox play hostess for our teachers and to correspond with them about arrival and departure times. Our teachers put so much of themselves into the studies for us, it is important that we do what we can to make them feel welcome and appreciated.

I was also responsible for the Native American Plenary. It told the story of how spiritually the Indian population thought about the earth and all that is in it within the circle of life. The song and words. The earth belongs to all of us, and it is our responsibility to take care of it not only for our ourselves but for the next several generations.

Friday night was "Fun Night" with popcorn, cookies and plenty of pop. Our entertainment was "The Pine Ridge Quarter" singing old fashion gospel songs. It was an inspiration to see ladies and our youth clapping their hands and patting their feet to the songs that they sang and called them back for an encore.

My last official duty for School of Mission was to set up and supply items for Holy Communion on Saturday for Bishop ;Hutchinson to officiate at.

I attended the January 11 Executive Committee Meeting on March 8 and Executive Committee Meeting on July 22-23.

As this report goes to press, I am processing the Mission Today and Mission Studies reports and certificates.

Tillie Show,
Education & Interpretation Coordinator

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

2008 Annual Meeting Report

In the few weeks that immediately followed our Conference Annual Meeting in September 2007, I spent most of my time focused on helping Tillie Shows and Dolores Giles prepare for DELT last Fall. Preparing for DELT the past three years has been a big challenge for me, but the knowledge, experience and joy that I found while striving to meet that challenge far outweighed the task.

We have a wonderful team of District Spiritual Growth Coordinators and I have been privileged to be part of their team. We began making plans for helping with our 2008 Conference School of Christian Mission when we met as a group during DELT in October. In December, I sent a letter of thanksgiving and encouragement to our Spiritual Growth Team, enclosing a list of their personal contact information and a chart that organized our SCM plans into a workable schedule. Through emails, phone calls and notes, we worked together. I wrote an article for our January newsletter encouraging participation for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program.

This Year, I attended my first South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. The event was a huge learning experience for me, giving me the opportunity to witness and amazing election process. I was honored to represent our conference as a nominee for one of the director positions in Women's Division. I enjoyed working with Lana, Tillie and Edna on our conference's display for Jurisdiction. Though I was unable to attend West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, I did provide table graces for the school and I wrote a devotional for the program booklet. Throughout the year, I attended the program, finance and executive committee meetings, offering devotionals for the executive meetings.

Most of my efforts these past few months have been in planning and developing ways to offer support for our School of Christian Mission. The District Spiritual Growth Coordinators provided personal devotional booklets to be given to all attendees, table graces, plenary devotionals and spiritual exercises. Mary Core worked with me again this year with the prayer closet and worship centers in the chapel. She has been a vital force in many of my projects these past four years. I am delighted that my granddaughter, Madeline attended SCM for the first time and had a wonderful time.

These past four years have been wonderfully fulfilling, providing me so many opportunities to learn and grow. My Blessings have been bountiful. To all of you who have nudged, inspired, challenged, comforted, hugged and loved me, I give you thanks.

Beverly Cox,

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SOCIAL ACTION REPORT 2008

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the UMW Conference Social Action Coordinator. I have had the privilege to communicate with the UMW District Social Action Coordinators, and I commend them on their many efforts and on their service of our Lord.

The mission area of SOCIAL ACTION is focused on improving the social, economic, environmental and/or political conditions that affect women and children.

Each Social Action Coordinator in the local church provides leadership by addressing one or more social action conditions (as above). By doing so, the unit is eligible to receive the "EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD IN SOCIAL ACTION". Examples of activities that qualify as social action activities are:

Study groups on world peace; advocating for the "No Child Left Behind" moral concerns; services to the poor and needy in your community; improving the conditions for disadvantaged children and/or women; promoting women to positions of leadership in the church and community; helping with environmental concerns.

Of the four Social Action areas: (1) social, (2) economic, (3) environmental and (4) political, the first area has been highlighted for an additional certificate. In the first area, a focus on 'racial harmony and action' will earn for the unit the certificate of "Charter School for Racial Justice Recognition Certificate". To receive this certificate, each local unit must satisfy the criteria as specified on the form.

My role is to assist you in understanding the responsibilities of your role. If you ever need assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me at 504-450-9419 or bferguso@uno.edu.

To better understand my role, I attend many meetings and conferences. This year I served on the planning team for the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. I am assisting the Planning Team in their efforts to have the event in New Orleans next year, at the Dillard University. While in Wichita at the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, I attended the Israel and Palestine study, which was excellent.

During this past year, I also attended two meetings of the Board of Church and Society. Rev. Phil Woodland, Chair. As an outgrowth of these meetings, the Board decided to pursue additional funding opportunities to provide Christian service for the poor and disadvantaged. Thus, several of us attended the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference, which was held in New Orleans in May 2008. We continue to work on these goals.

It has been wonderful serving and working with the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

"By love, serve one another." Galatians 5:13

Barbara Ferguson,

Conference Social Action Coordinator

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

*Greetings and Blessings to all in attendance at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women*

The office of Communications Coordinator has provided me a lot of "on the job training", and I hope it will be a continued learning and retention process. Many thanks to our immediate past Coordinator of Communications, Mary Quinones who traveled from her new home in Texas after hurricane Katrina to our 2007 DELT event and combined that trip to review with me the specifics of the Communications officer processes and responsibilities. Through her foresight and hard work, the foundation was laid for use of our conference newspaper as a medium for highlighting our activities and spreading our news. Special thanks also are extended to Betty Backstrom, Editor of our LA Now newspaper and to Sally Davidson, Communications Assistant for the Louisiana Conference UMC Church.

We appreciate the enthusiasm that you, the reporters, have had in submitting information for our conference newsletter. Even though there are sometimes delays with the inclusion of news from the districts because of limited space during our highlighted conference and jurisdiction events. Please don't be discouraged and continue to send news of what you are doing...It's Our Mission.

Let me share some of the information on our UMW paper:

1. The UMW insert is published four times/year in the *LA NOW* :
January Newsletter- Articles/News due November 20th
May Newsletter - Articles/News due March 26th
August Newsletter- Articles/News due July 9th
November Newsletter - Articles/News due October 8th
Our next UMW insert will be in the *LA Now* dated November 21, 2008.
2. The plan is for our section of the paper to be an insert so that it can be a "lift-out" section for easy distribution.
3. Cost/charges have remained @ \$1,500/issue (\$375/page); \$6,000/year
4. Contact with the Communications Office for the Louisiana Conference UMC informs us that the *LA Now* has a mailing of 4,630+ and with recent increases in distribution sites, there is an estimated total of 5,700 copies distributed.

New /additional distribution sites are:

Disaster Response Centers-500 copies each. These sites include New Orleans, Dulac, Abbeville, and Lake Charles.

Just added is another 500 copies to churches.

An additional site is the Wesley Center.

All pastors and D.S.'s, active & retired, get copies as do surviving spouses.

Communications Coordinator Report, cont'd

Currently the UMW mailing list consists of 759 persons. Sally monitors these lists for duplications between the UMW listing and the Louisiana conference office listing. Duplications are eliminated this way.

The readership with UMW can be increased by offering a separate mailing list specific for UMW. Per info from the communications assistant, this would be a mailing of the specific four issues which include UMW news. The cost would be approximately \$1.00/person. If you know of someone who would be appropriate for such a mailing, please let us know.

A subscription Drive was done early this year and was quite successful. Subscription charges are \$20/year and \$30/2 year subscription. (subscription form is attached)

Our most recent issue was dated July 25th. This date was an earlier date for us than last year's paper which was published in August. This July issue was implemented in an effort to get as much of our voting info out in a timely manner. We will schedule the due dates for 2009 very near in the future and will request an early publish date in August which will contain as much info as possible that will be in need of votes by delegates at our Annual Meeting.

There is a clear-cut need for good use of our district newsletters and our conference web site. *All newsletters will not be able to cover all issues.* Our district newsletters and our web site will be able to help pick up those news events that occur or are completed in between our *LA Now* publication dates. I especially see the value of the website for our various forms & applications which would take up a lot of room in our printed issues. We salute our district and local communication coordinators and plan to work closely with them throughout the year.

The next due date for news/articles is October 8, 2008.

Thank you for your attention, your patience, and your prayers for this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana P. Lathan, Communications Coordinator

**Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Committee on Nominations
2008 Nominees
Conference Officers/Committee On Nominations**

**PRESIDENT
Edna Brown Hickman
2009**

**VICE-PRESIDENT
Judy Willis
2009-2010**

**TREASURER
Annie "Laurie" Seeger
2009-2010**

**SPRIITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR
Juanita Lagard
2009-2010**

**SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR
Barbara Ferguson
2009-2010**

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS CHAIRMAN
Ouida Smith
2009-2010**

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Class of 2012	Carrie Roy
Class of 2012	Doret Gilbert-Wilson
Class of 2010	Shannon Rachal
Class of 2009	Taylor Phillips

2008 READING REPORT
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW

District Number of Readers Number of Books

Acadiana	21	150
Alexandria	83	238
Baton Rouge	43	228
Lake Charles	59	236
Monroe	47	305
New Orleans	53	378
Shreveport	88	576

Total Number of Readers 394

Total Number of Books 2,111

Dorothy Kimball,
Secretary of Program Resources

2008 Annual Meeting Awards and Certificates

2008 WOMEN IN MISSION

Myrna Freeman, of the Lake Charles was recipient of the 2008 Women in Mission Award during the Annual Meeting held last October at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana.

MISSION AREA OF SOCIAL ACTION - EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD. There were 59 certificates awarded by Mission Coordinator, Barbara Ferguson. By District, the numbers are as follows:

Acadiana - 4	Baton Rouge - 6	Monroe - 6	Shreveport - 11
Alexandria - 9	Lake Charles - 8	New Orleans - 15	

MISSION AREA OF EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION - MISSION TODAY AWARD and MISSION STUDIES AWARD. There were 109 certificates awarded by Mission Coordinator, Tillie Shows. By District, the numbers and categories are as follows:

Acadiana	Baton Rouge	Monroe	Shreveport
<i>Mission Studies</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>
Excellence - 1	Excellence - 7	Excellence - 9	Excellence - 14
Bronze - 1	Bronze - 1	Recognition - 1	
<i>Mission Today</i>	<i>Mission Today</i>	<i>Mission Today</i>	<i>Mission Today</i>
Gold - 2	Gold - 10	Gold - 6	Gold - 14
	Silver - 2	Silver - 1	Silver - 2
Alexandria	Lake Charles	New Orleans	
<i>Mission Studies</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>	
Excellence - 3	Excellence - 9	Excellence - 4	
Recognition - 1			
Bronze - 2			
<i>Mission Today</i>	<i>Mission Today</i>	<i>Mission Today</i>	
Gold - 4	Gold - 6	Gold - 9	
Silver - 2	Silver - 1		

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